

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 26, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

**Present** at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns  
Captain Michael McCullough  
Chief Alan J. Roy  
Chief John Nash  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

**Absent** from the meeting were the following Commission members:

FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

General Counsel Steven Rourke  
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:08 am.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the June 27, 2019 Meeting**

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy that the minutes of May 16, 2019, meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process**

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa-Thorpe to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
  - Deputy Chief William Frazier III – Hull Fire Department
  - Captain David Holmes – Northbridge Fire Department
  - Captain Martin Scott – Townsend Fire Department
  - Chief Bryan Sorrows – Carlisle Fire Department
  - Lieutenant Gerard Benoit – Belmont Fire Department
  - Captain Todd Brunelle – Turners Falls Fire Department

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Chief Nash to award re-accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Deputy Chief James Baily Jr. – Arlington Fire Department
- District Chief David Charest – Attleboro Fire Department
- Captain Brian Charron – West Brookfield Fire Department
- Captain Mark Fortier – Orange Fire Department
- Chief Scott Fournier – Berkley Fire Department
- Chief Brian Geiger – Boxford Fire Department
- Chief Michael Hazel – Tewksbury Fire Department
- Chief Paul Morrisette – East Longmeadow Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Graham Rowe – North Andover Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**C. General Issues and Updates from DFS**

General Counsel Rourke gave various updates on legislature and fire bills such as explosive bonds, enhanced fire protection in one and two family homes, and sale of fireworks.

The Commission also said farewell to member Chief John Nash and presented him with a plaque for his years of tireless service with the Commission.

**D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Captain Nash.

Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:32 a.m.